

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 8-11 as follows:

This continuation patent application claims the benefit and priority of U.S. Patent No. 6,634,551 ~~pending Application No. 09/815,745~~ filed March 23, 2001 and issued October 21, 2003, which itself ~~is an application claiming~~ claims the benefit and priority of U.S. provisional patent Application No. 60/203,402, filed May 11, 2000, and likewise incorporates both the patent and the application ~~applications~~ by reference.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 6-14 as follows:

If no adult is at home, under the scenario presented above (a.k.a. "the predetermined rules"), the delivery agent cannot enter a signature, so the delivery agent makes an indication of non-delivery (e.g., a "not in" entry). At that time the data acquisition device will prompt the driver to scan a bar-coded delivery notice such as shown as 20 ~~70~~ in Figs. 2, 3A and 3B. The delivery agent will then pull a delivery notice out of his or her pocket or other suitable storage location, and then will scan the machine-readable delivery notice code portion 21 ~~71~~ on the notice 20 with the scanner 31 included in the data acquisition device 30. The delivery notice 20, but not the parcels, is to be left at the door.